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AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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PARIS FOR OECD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SA, US

SUBJECT: YAMANI ON U.S. "SABOTAGE" OF CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE

1. AHMED ZAKI YAMANI, SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 1 THAT HE WAS SORRY THE UNITED STATES WAS TRYING TO SABOTAGE CONSUMER/PRODUCER COOPERATION. HE HAD READ NEWS REPORTS THAT QUOTED "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE LIP SERVICE TO THE IDEA OF A PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE BUT WOULD ENSURE THAT IT WAS NEVER HELD. AMERICAN ACTIONS HAD ADEQUATELY CONFIRMED THESE REPORTS. THE AMBASSADOR DENIED THE ACCUSATION; HE HAD NO INDICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT OUR POLICY HAD CHANGED AND HIS VARIED STATEMENTS TO YAMANI, WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, STILL PERTAINED.

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3. YAMANI SAID THAT IT WOULD BE "A SHAME" IF THE

CONFERENCE WERE HELD WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES, BUT
EUROPE, THE LDC'S AND OPEC ALL WANT IT AND "IT WILL
BE HELD WITH YOU OR WITHOUT YOU."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A READING ON THE CURRENT U.S.
POSITION ON THE CONFERENCE AND INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT,
IF ANYTHING, TO TELL YAMANI.
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